

HOUSE RESOLUTION 290  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Ralph Harris Florida on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Florida is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 42 years with the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (MTEMC); and

WHEREAS, August 1, 2000, will be a day of eager anticipation for the future, as well as a day of remembrance of all the special things Ralph accomplished for his company and his community; and

WHEREAS, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1957 from Middle Tennessee State College, Mr. Florida began his dedicated employment at the MTEMC in 1959 as an engineer's aide; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, diligence, and dedication to excellence, Ralph Florida climbed the proverbial ladder of success, serving with acumen and alacrity as an electrification advisor, a development engineer, and as District Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Florida has served his employer and his community with intelligence and integrity as the manager of Districts two and three by coordinating and supervising the three MTEMC offices in Murfreesboro, Smyrna, and Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure, Ralph Florida has served approximately 46,000 customers in Rutherford and Cannon Counties, overseeing the planning, directing, staffing, and coordinating of the daily operations of each office while constructing, maintaining, operating, and providing quality electric service for the members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Florida exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Florida is most grateful for the love and support he receives from his two children, John Harris Florida and Ava Lee Florida Short, in addition to his four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Florida will always treasure the memories and the moments he spent with his wife, Genenvie O. Florida, who has left this world for a better one; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ralph Florida has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Ralph Harris Florida our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.